launch was a technology demonstration based on indigenous efforts.

990. [*Transferred to the 3rd August, 1989*].

Pakistan's proposal for Regional Approach on Nuclear Non-Proliferation

991. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has again proposed a regional approach to the nuclear non-proliferation in South Asia; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government are aware of Pakistan's proposals on nuclear matters made in a narrow regional or bilateral context. Government are of the view that nuclear non-proliferation is a global issue and has no bilateral or regional solution.

Shortage of Railway Wagons for Jaggery Trade

992. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether shortage of railway wagons has severly hit the Jaggery trade at Anakapalle on the South Central Railway; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to provide sufficient wagons for movement of Jaggery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Union Government's Assistance to develop Tourist Centres in the States

993. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide special assistance to each State Government for developing tourist centres in their States;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the assistance granted to each State by the Union Government during the last two years, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) what are the funds allocated for this purpose; and

(e) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative; what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The details of State-wise assistance granted during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(e) The assistance given to the State Governments depends on the specific schemes and not to be treated as special assistance.